

MEMORANDUM**STATE OF ALASKA**

Department of Community and Economic Development

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SUBJECT: **FY01 Mini-Grant
DC Quarterly Status Report**

1. City of Anderson #811215**Upgrade Riverside Park**

Grant term: 3/1/01 – 12/31/01
Grant award: \$30,000

FR received to: 7/31/01
\$ Source: DC

On budget? Y
On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to upgrade Anderson Riverside Park, a 616-acre recreational park next to the Nenana River. MG funds will be utilized to improve the existing access road, ditch and also the restroom facility. This project is complete; close out in progress.

2. City of Aniak #811329**VPSO/Library Upgrade**

Grant term: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01
Grant award: \$30,000

FR received to: 7/31/01
\$ Source: DC

On budget? ?
On schedule? N

The purpose of this grant is to move two existing buildings to city-owned property with sewer access. One building is currently being renovated to house a VPSO and the other building is the library.

City changed the site for the project and applied for a CPP grant @ \$20,000 as the new site requires more preparation. On 7/13, I requested site control documents and a revised budget with timeline. On 7/18, City responded that they'll comply once they find out the status of the CPP award. On 7/26, the City was notified that they were not awarded CPP funds. **Current status:** City plans to reapply for CPP. If those funds are awarded in November, they say the mini-grant portion of the project can be complete by 12/31. They will submit the site control documents now for verification so we'll be ready to proceed as soon as they acquire the additional funding.

3. Cheesh'na Tribal Council #811330**Grocery Feasibility Study**

Grant term: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01
Grant award: \$19,567

FR received to: 6/30/01
\$ Source: DC

On budget? Y
On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to prepare a feasibility study for the development of a mini-grocery store for the village of Chistochina.

Quarterly reporting approved. Bid advertising and selection in progress.

4. Circle Traditional Council #811192**Sawmill Equipment Purchase**

Grant term: 3/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to: 6/30/01

On budget? Y

Grant award: \$30,000

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to purchase & install a lumber drying kiln at the existing sawmill.
Project is complete; close out in progress.

5. City of Cold Bay #unassigned

Scrap Metal Recycling Plan

Grant term:

FR received to:

On budget? N/A

Grant award: \$30,000

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? N/A

The purpose of this grant is to remove scrap metal from the community and to develop an annual scrap metal recycling plan. **Funding contingency:** Submit documentation showing that funding for both King Cove and Sand Point is secured by 6/30/01. AEB was unable to find a barge company as hoped; both Cold Bay and False Pass have declined these awards.

6. Denali Arts Council #811244

Renovate Community Hall

Grant term: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to: 8/31/01

On budget? Y

Grant award: \$30,000

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to renovate an airplane hangar for use as a community center and theatre. Renovation is nearly complete.

7. Boys & Girls Club of the Tanana Valley # unassigned

Acquire B/G Club

Grant term: 9/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to:

On budget? Y

Grant award: \$16,500

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? Y

The original purpose of this grant was to purchase an ATCO trailer unit to house a technology center in North Pole for the Boys and Girls Club. On 6/29 a change in scope was approved to allow use of MG funds for a portion of the down payment on acquiring an existing building in North Pole to house all of the Boys & Girls Club programs, including the technology center. On 9/19 a request was approved to transfer this grant award from the Borough to the Boys & Girls Club of the Tanana Valley (BGCTV), who will own and operate the facility. The grant agreement was mailed to BGCTV for signature on 9/19.

8. City of False Pass #unassigned

Scrap Metal Recycling Plan

Grant term:

FR received to:

On budget? N/A

Grant award: \$30,000

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? N/A

The purpose of this grant is to remove scrap metal from the community and to develop an annual scrap metal recycling plan. On 6/26 the City of False Pass declined this award via letter. I responded on 6/27 acknowledging this decision and encouraged them to apply again in the future.

9. Funny River Emergency #811256

Construct Fire Hall

Grant term: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to: 6/30/01

On budget? Y

Grant award: \$30,000

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? Y

The original purpose of this grant was to construct an insulated and heated metal building to temporarily house a fire engine until a permanent fire and disaster relief structure can be constructed with other funds. On 6/28 a change in scope was approved to allow use of MG funds for the construction of a permanent Fire Hall. Specifically, MG funds will be used for part of the foundation costs and building materials.

The reason for abandoning the original plan is due to the duplicate effort required for approval of design plans from the Fire Marshal. The Grantee has obtained partial funding for the main fire station and will be able to complete a portion of the building with available funds to serve the original purpose, to house the fire engine in a heated facility.

10. Naknek Native Council #811233

Seafood Process Feasibility

Grant term: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01
Grant award: \$19,400

FR received to: 6/30/01
\$ Source: DC

On budget? Y
On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to prepare a feasibility study and business plan for a community-owned cooperative value-added seafood processing facility in Naknek to serve the Bristol Bay area.

Aurora Consulting in Anchorage was awarded the contract. Initial findings indicate that the project is feasible. The Borough has taken the lead on acquiring additional funding and expects to apply for MG or CDBG for an engineering study during the next grant cycle.

11. Nelson Lagoon V. Council #811143

Strategic Plan

Grant term: 2/1/01 – 12/31/01
Grant award: \$14,995

FR received to: 5/31/01
\$ Source: DC

On budget? Y
On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to complete a Strategic Economic and Community Development Plan.

The Stadum Group in Anchorage was awarded the contract. The consultant is currently preparing the final draft of the Plan.

12. NORTHWAY INC. #811274

Lodge Feasibility Study

Grant term: 4/15/01 – 12/31/01
Grant award: \$28,875

FR received to: 6/30/01
\$ Source: DC

On budget? Y
On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to complete a feasibility study for a lodge in Northway.

Grantee is in the process of soliciting bids for the contract.

13. City of Ouzinkie #811242

Restore Boardwalk

Grant term: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01
Grant award: \$30,000

FR received to: 8/31/01
\$ Source: DC

On budget? Y
On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to restore the existing boardwalk to a safe condition so that it can be used by the local residents and for promoting local economic development in tourism.

Project is complete; close out in progress.

14. Pedro Bay V. Council #811213

Grant term: 3/1/01 – 12/31/01
Grant award: \$30,000

FR received to: 6/30/01
\$ Source: DC

Boat Landing Design

On budget? Y
On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to complete a preliminary design for a public boat landing and waterfront. Grantee is reviewing the three bids received for the design contract. Award is expected in July with fieldwork starting in August.

15. Port Alsworth Imp. Corp. #811214

Grant term: 3/1/01 – 12/31/01
Grant award: \$26,000

FR received to: 6/30/01
\$ Source: DC

Road & Trail Plan

On budget? Y
On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to define and establish legal public rights-of-way throughout the community and appropriately mark and map these to provide legal access for residents.

Grantee is in the process of soliciting bids for the contract. Fieldwork is expected during the next quarter.

16. City of Ruby #811248

Grant term: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01
Grant award: \$16,675

FR received to: 8/31/01
\$ Source: DC

Develop Riverfront Park

On budget? Y
On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to develop a public park as an extension of the campground. Grant funds will be used to build a sheltered fireplace, tables, benches and fencing, and to provide fill, grass seed and landscaping.

Improvements are in progress but the City reports ongoing problems with heavy equipment engine failure. City is attempting to find another loader to use for hauling topsoil to the site, so this has delayed some of the work.

17. Seward Chamber of Commerce #811240

Grant term: 3/29/01 – 6/30/01
Grant award: \$26,000

FR received to: 6/30/01
\$ Source: FS/DC

Media Campaign

On budget? Y
On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to fund a media campaign that is designed to encourage economic growth and diversity for the community of Seward. The project will include the creation of a 20-minute video, an Internet PowerPoint presentation and a printed brochure. This grant is funded with mini-grant funds leftover from prior years as follows: FFY99 USFS @ \$14,698 and AIDEA @ \$6,675. These funds terminate on 6/30/01. The remainder of the grant is funded with FY01 DC @ \$2,630 and FY01 USFS @ \$1,997. Syntex Productions in Anchorage was awarded the contract. All funds have been expended; Syntex is currently finalizing the products.

18. Stebbins Community Assoc. #820770

Grant term: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01
Grant award: \$28,800

FR received to:
\$ Source: DC

D/E Clinic

On budget? Y
On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to prepare an engineering study and preliminary design plans for a new clinic in Stebbins. This project was delayed due to negotiations between the IRA and the City who have decided to jointly pursue construction of the clinic. The City has hoped to renovate the existing clinic, but an assessment done by Norton Sound indicated that this option was not feasible.

Grant funds were released on 9/1/01. The Arctic Slope Consulting Group has been hired to provide the concept site plan for the clinic, including foundation recommendations, placement of the clinic on the site and soil assessment. This "Geotech Report" will be paid for with these MG funds.

19. City of Thorne Bay #811191

Site Appraisal & Purchase

Grant term: 3/1/01 – 12/31/01
Grant award: \$30,000

FR received to:
\$ Source: DC

On budget? ?
On schedule? N

The purpose of this grant is to complete the preliminary design and appraisal of an industrial site and deep-water port and purchase of the site from the Alaska Mental Health Trust. Grant funds will be utilized for the land and timber value appraisals and purchase of the site.

Funds released for expenditure on 3/1/01. Quarterly reporting approved; first reports were due 7/15. Faxed reminders on 7/24 & 8/20. Project delayed due to staff turnover in the City office. I have been working with the new Administrator on understanding the grant requirements. He planned on meeting with the Council last month to determine whether they are ready to proceed with this project.

20. City of Togiak #811144

Arts & Crafts Business Plan

Grant term: 2/1/01 – 12/31/01
Grant award: \$16,125

FR received to: 6/30/01
\$ Source: DC

On budget? Y
On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to prepare a business plan for the community's existing arts & crafts center. City is in the process of soliciting bids for the project.